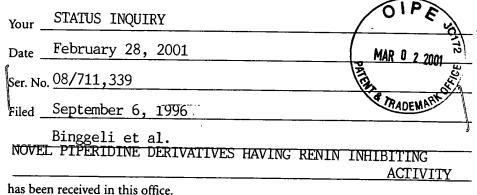
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Sir:

Information regarding the present status of this application is respectfully requested.

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Applicants' filed a PETION TO INVOKE THE SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSIONER UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181 mailed on March 27, 2000. Applicants have no record of any response communication from the Patent and Trademark Office and would appreciate knowing when a communication can be expected.

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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 08/711,339

Dear Dr. Schwartz:

Could you please follow-up on this patent application. We had addressed the Petition in the past, but have had no response for almost one year.

Thank you for any assistance you could provide.

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